THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Child Labourers

†5176. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of child labourers in the country indicating their age-group;

(b) whether they come under B.P.L. category;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for employing child labourers on large scale in hazardous industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA) : (a) to (d) Authentic figures of child labour in the country are generated by the decennial census. According to the 1981 census, the estimated figure of working children in the age group of 5-14 was 13.6 million. As per-the 1991 Census the number of working children in the country was of the order of 11.28 million. The 2001 census figures regarding the working children have not yet been published.

Child labour is a socio-economic problem arising out of poverty and must be dealt with through sustained efforts over a long period of time. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, a gradual and sequential approach has been adopted for complete elimination of child labour, beginning with the children working in hazardous occupations.

Problems of teachers

5177. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to constitute a Committee to review the problems faced by teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, when was the proposal received and whether the Committee has been formed; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay and by when the Committee would be formed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) A

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representation was received jointly signed by the teachers belonging to one of the teachers associations of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan expressing their problems arising out of some recent decisions taken by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. However, there is no proposal to constitute a committee in this regard.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar

†5178 PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the district-wise details of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar alongwith locations thereof;

(b) the criteria for opening of Kendriya Vidyalaya; and

(c) whether there is any scheme to open a new Kendriya Vidyalaya in the State, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) The location of existing Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has well defined guidelines/norms for opening new Kendriya Vidyalayas under Civil/Defence Sector. In broad terms these guidelines stipulate that a proposal for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya should emanate from State Government, Departments/Ministries of the Central Government etc. The guidelines also stipulate that the sponsors should be willing to provide 15 acres of land free of cost as also rent free building for running the School till the Sangathan constructs its own building. The rules further require availability of residential accommodation to 50% of its employees. Since the Kendriya Vidyalayas are intended for the benefit of transferable Central Government Employees, minimum of 1000 Central Government Employees as also availability of 200 children (500 in big cities of priority-I category) for admission are also prescribed as conditions for opening a school. These conditions are, however, relaxable in appropriate cases.

(c) Some more Kendriya Vidyalayas may be opened depending upon the need as well as feasibility for opening Kendriya Vidyalayas in various parts of the country, including Bihar.

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